

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-17 and 19-20 are allowed. Claim 18 has been amended to correct the typographical error to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) rejection. Applicants have amended claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-14, and 17-20. These amendments were made to place all the claims the application in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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